

Interview Summary

Application No.

09/118,668

Applicant(s)

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Examiner

Sam Rimell

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All participants (applicant, applicant's representative, PTO personnel):

(1) Sam Rimell, Examiner.

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(2) R. Burns Israelsen, Rep. for applicant.

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Date of Interview: 18 April 2001.

Type: a) ☐ Telephonic b) ☐ Video Conference
c) ☒ Personal [copy given to: 1) ☐ applicant 2) ☒ applicant's representative]

Exhibit shown or demonstration conducted: d) ☐ Yes e) ☒ No.

If Yes, brief description:

Claim(s) discussed: 1.

Identification of prior art discussed: Claimsnet.com screen shot reference.

Agreement with respect to the claims f) ☒ was reached. g) ☐ was not reached. h) ☐ N/A.


Substance of Interview including description of the general nature of what was agreed to if an agreement was reached, or any other comments: Agreed to proposal for claim 1 as attached as overcoming prior art of record. Agreed to amend remaining independent claims along the lines of the proposal to claim 1, in particular, drawing a distinction between health care provider and adjudicator of claims.

(A fuller description, if necessary, and a copy of the amendments which the examiner agreed would render the claims allowable, if available, must be attached. Also, where no copy of the amendments that would render the claims allowable is available, a summary thereof must be attached.)

i) ☐ It is not necessary for applicant to provide a separate record of the substance of the interview (if box is checked).

Unless the paragraph above has been checked, THE FORMAL WRITTEN REPLY TO THE LAST OFFICE ACTION MUST INCLUDE THE SUBSTANCE OF THE INTERVIEW. (See MPEP Section 713.04). If a reply to the last Office action has already been filed, APPLICANT IS GIVEN ONE MONTH FROM THIS INTERVIEW DATE TO FILE A STATEMENT OF THE SUBSTANCE OF THE INTERVIEW. See Summary of Record of Interview requirements on reverse side or on attached sheet.

Examiner Note: You must sign this form unless it is an Attachment to a signed Office action.


Examiner's signature, if required

Proposed Amended Claims – Do Not Enter In Record
Patent Application Serial No. 09/113,668
INTERNET CLAIMS PROCESSING SYSTEM
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1. (Amended) In a system comprising a health care benefit component that stores patient and benefit information and allows access to stored information by a health care provider, an automated adjudication component that automatically adjudicates claims submitted for payment, an automated payment component that automatically pays adjudicated claims, [and] a payment tracking component that tracks the status of claims submitted for automatic payment, and an access terminal associated with a health care provider, a method for submitting and adjudicating claims comprising the steps of:

accessing, using the access terminal [by a health care provider], the patient and benefit information stored by the health care benefit component such that the health care provider can [in order to] ascertain patient information in preparation for submitting [necessary to submit] a claim for treatment provided to a patient;

creating, using the access terminal [by said health care provider], the [a] claim by entering information regarding treatment provided to said patient into an electronic claim form that can be submitted for payment;

testing [, by said health care provider,] the adjudication status of said claim so that before said claim is submitted for adjudication [processing], said health care provider may know whether said claim is to be manually adjudicated by an adjudicator [manually] or whether said claim is to be automatically adjudicated [and paid automatically];

transmitting [, by said health care provider,] said claim from the access terminal,
thereby submitting said claim for adjudication [processing]; and

if said claim is to be adjudicated and paid automatically, then tracking, using the
access terminal [by said health care provider], the payment status of said claim.